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I have the honour to refer to the recent Security Council resolutions on the question of Western Sahara, in which the Council called on the parties to engage in negotiations under the auspices of the Secretary-General.

Following the usual consultations, I intend to appoint Horst Köhler of Germany as my Personal Envoy for Western Sahara. Mr. Köhler will work with the parties and the neighbouring States, on the basis of Security Council resolution 2351 (2017) and earlier resolutions and taking into account the progress made to date, in order to achieve a just, durable and mutually acceptable political solution which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank Christopher Ross, who served as Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara from 2009 to 2017. I wish to express my appreciation to him for his dedication as one of my principal advisers on this important issue.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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